

Studebaker Wagons
Florence Wagons
Babcock Buggies

AT

SABEL BROS.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Vehicle Emporium and
Harness Manufacturers

If It's Drugs
Bettes Has It

The Big Store
Full Line of Toilet Articles
Agent for Huyler's Candy
Surgical Instruments

Bettes Drug Store

Cor. Bay and Laura, Jacksonville, Fla.
JUST WRITE A LETTER

Florida Electric Co.

JOBBER

Electric Apparatus & Supplies

Headquarters for everything electrical. Complete telephone exchanges and private lines. Isolated electric lighting and power plants.

22, 24, 26, 28 W. Forsyth St.
Jacksonville, Fla.

**The Citizens Bank
OF JACKSONVILLE**

D. U. FLETCHER - - President
D. H. DOIG - - Vice President
C. H. MANN - - Vice President
J. DENHAM BIRD - - Cashier

Offers to depositors every facility consistent with safe and conservative banking, insuring absolute security.

4 Per Cent Interest, computed quarterly, paid on Savings Deposits

KEEP OPEN MONDAY AND SATURDAY
EVENINGS UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK

Cor. Bridge & Bay, Jacksonville, Fla.

Try
"Green Brier"
Tennessee Whisky
IT'S PURE
THAT'S SURE

Robt. W. Simms

SOLE AGENT

Jacksonville, Fla.

SEND FOR GENERAL PRICE LIST

FLORODORA COTTON

Should It Become a Staple Florida Product

By W. E. PABOR

Some attention is being given in western Florida, especially about Monticello, to the raising of this variety of cotton as being adapted to our soil and as profitable as sea island cotton, which brings in an income of over two million dollars annually to the farmers of Alachua, Bradford, Levy, Marion and other counties. There are those who are enthusiastic over it, though both at the Georgia and the Florida experiment stations the opinion of the farm superintendents does not seem to be favorable.

In the interest of the farmer readers of THE SUN, correspondence has been had with Monticello parties and the two experiment stations we have mentioned, and below will be found the replies received. We shall be pleased to hear from other raisers of Florodora in Florida, briefly—since the space in this department is limited—giving their experience. Some brokers have given higher prices for it than regular market quotations, in order to attract the attention of growers to it.

The first is from the director of the Georgia Experiment Station:

"Mr. Claude L'Engle, Jacksonville, Fla.—My Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 12th I send you a marked copy of Bulletin 66, in which you will find the result of variety tests of last year of twenty-four varieties of cotton, in which appears the Florodora in point of lint and seed value stood twenty-third in the list. This was on a basis of 10 cents a pound for lint and 80 cents per hundred weight for seed. At the foot of page 209, among the 'notes on leading varieties tested,' you will find my conclusion in regard to Florodora as based upon a year's test. I may add that I was induced to request that seeds of this variety be sent me for testing, by the extraordinary claims made of its productiveness by the originator, and by the vendors of the seeds. This year the variety has not been so extensively advertised, so far as I have observed, and seed were not offered me for testing. Very truly yours,

"R. J. REDDING, Director."

The "conclusion" referred to appears in Bulletin 66, issued December, 1904, on Cotton Culture, and is as follows:

"No. 23. Florodora. Extra Staple Upland. First Test. Not productive. Medium as to maturing. Lowest in percentage yield of lint. Seeds a little smaller than average. Expert cotton men in Augusta and Savannah, to whom samples ginned in a roller gin were submitted, report that, in lots of twenty bales, if ginned on a saw-gin, it would bring 2 to 3 cents per pound more than ordinary short staple uplands. The Savannah experts advise that this variety should not be ginned on a roller gin. What it lacks is productiveness and percentage yield of lint."

The next letter is from our own station:

"The University of Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, Lake City, Fla., Oct. 30, 1905.—Mr. W. E. Pabor, Avon Park, Fla.: My Dear Sir—Replying to yours of October 23 regarding Florodora cotton, I beg to say that this is a short staple cotton adapted to the (but represented by) central and northern part of Georgia, and is not suited to this section of the country. In Georgia test of varieties as published in Bulletin 66 in December, 1904, it stands twenty-third in the list. In the North Carolina test, as published in the report of the Department of Agriculture for February, 1905, it stands at the foot of the list. This variety of cotton is a very much advertised variety, but it has not special merit over many other short staple varieties. With kindest regards, I am, very truly yours,

"A. M. CONNOR."

There is no uncertain sound about Mr. Connor's letter. It gives Florodora no commendation whatever; it apparently never having been tested at the station, the opinion is not based on experimental knowledge, but from the Georgia and North Carolina bulletins.

The names of two gentlemen at Monticello having been given us as being fa-

miliar with Florodora, letters of request for information were sent and promptly replied to. These gentlemen are well known in the community where they reside. Their expressions are in strong contrast to the station experts:

"Monticello, Fla., Oct. 28, 1905.—Mr. W. E. Pabor, Avon Park, Fla.: Dear Sir: Yours of 23d received. I had about ten bales of the Florodora variety of cotton last year, and it sold 2 to 4 cents per pound above the short staple cotton. The market for Florodora does not seem to fluctuate as does the common cotton. It produces well, and in good land well manured it will yield more per acre than any other cotton, I believe. I will have sixty to seventy bales of it this year, about fifty now on hand, and am advised that it is worth 12 1-2 cents per pound in Savannah, middling basis, with staple measuring 1 1-4 to 1 3-4 inches. A few bales from this county have been sold in Charleston this season at 13 and 14 cents. Cultivation same as other cotton; much more cheaply picked than is the sea island cotton. Yours truly,

"E. B. BAILEY."

"Monticello, Fla., Oct. 31, 1905.—W. E. Pabor, Avon Park, Fla.: Dear Sir—Your letter to Mr. A. Semosi relative to Florodora cotton has been handed to me for reply.

"I am of the opinion that this cotton is an excellent variety to grow in Florida. It is a rank grower, a heavy fruiter of lint, 1 1-8 to 1 1-2 inches long, of very fine quality; does not blow out in stormy weather, but its large bolls are easily picked, and under like conditions will yield as heavily as regular upland cotton; requires distance, usually 5-foot rows, and one stalk every 3 1-2 to 4 feet; on good ground can be planted closer in row; on poorer ground, not less than 2 feet, though.

"Present price in Charleston, S. C., 12, 13 and 14 cents per pound. Prior to this year it has ranged from 1 1-2 to 2 cents per pound higher, but sea island cotton (so called) being about 5 cents a pound lower this year, has had a tendency to reduce price on Florodora.

"This cotton is superior to upland in the extra price it brings, and to long cotton in the greater weight and yield per acre. I have planted it two years, with satisfactory results, and shall continue. This cotton yields but about twenty-eight pounds per hundred pounds of seed cotton; can be ginned on a saw gin, but must be well dried and gin run at minimum speed for best results.

"I trust this covers the subject to the extent of your expectations; if not, write me and ask further questions. Very truly,

H. A. BARROWS."

From the foregoing there seems to be two sides to the Florodora cotton problem, as there is to almost everything else that belongs to soil culture, and this article has been prepared for the sole purpose of eliciting further pro and con information.

"I AM YOUR FATHER NOW," SAID POPE TO CHILDREN.

One of the ladies who helped conduct before Pope Pius the 160 orphans, robbed of parents and home by the Calabrian earthquake, said, describing the moving scenes:

"When the holy father came in, his eyes were full of tears, and his attitude was so hearty and jovial that the children lost all shyness, and ran to kiss his hands and gown. He talked to them like a loving father, and they appreciated his words when he said: 'I am your father now; rely on Father Pio; he will look after you.' When one of the children said she would like to have his picture the pope sent for a box of silver medals. He insisted that blue or pink ribbons be attached to them and that each child wear one around his or her neck. When seated among the children and listening to their prattle, the pope gave orders that a photographer be sent for. 'I want to have a picture of this blessed scene,' he said, 'a good picture, that I may remember the faces of my little wards.'"

IN MEMORIAM.

This little headstone is erected to the tender memory of an ad. printed in this space last week. Its duty was to nourish this journal, which gives the people a voice. Right well was the little ad. doing its duty.

It died from an overdose of "Gum."

For further particulars of this sad demise see editorial pages of this issue.

R. I. P.

IN MEMORIAM.

This little headstone is erected to the tender memory of an ad. printed in this space last week. Its duty was to nourish this journal, which gives the people a voice. Right well was the little ad. doing its duty.

It died from an overdose of "Gum."

For further particulars of this sad demise see editorial pages of this issue.

R. I. P.

IN MEMORIAM.

This little headstone is erected to the tender memory of an ad. printed in this space last week. Its duty was to nourish this journal, which gives the people a voice. Right well was the little ad. doing its duty.

It died from an overdose of "Gum."

For further particulars of this sad demise see editorial pages of this issue.

R. I. P.